

**Guidance on Availability and Reimbursement for Rotavirus and Human Papillomavirus  
Vaccines Prior to Inclusion in the DOH Childhood Vaccine Program  
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**Rotavirus Vaccination**

**Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) recommendation:**

ACIP published the final recommendation for rotavirus vaccination in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) on August 11, 2006. The final recommendation is:

- Routinely recommended for infants at 2, 4, and 6 months of age.
  - The vaccine is not indicated for infants 32 weeks of age or older.
  - The first dose should be administered between ages 6–12 weeks.
  - Subsequent doses should be administered at 4–10 week intervals, and all 3 doses of vaccine should be administered by age 32 weeks.
  - Vaccination **should not be initiated for infants aged >12 weeks.**
  - Vaccine **should not be administered after age 32 weeks.**

**Human Papillomavirus Vaccination**

**ACIP Recommendation:**

ACIP issued a provisional recommendation for human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination. The expectation is that the recommendation will be finalized and published in MMWR in November 2006. The provisional recommendation is:

- Routinely recommended for girls 11 – 12 years of age.
  - Recommendation for catch-up vaccination for females 13 through 26 years of age.
  - The vaccine is a 3 dose series and can be started with females 9 years of age or older.

**Current Availability of Rotavirus and Human Papillomavirus Vaccines in Washington**

**Patients:**

- Check with your provider – they may be privately purchasing these vaccines for their patients.

**Providers:**

- Contact individual health plans about reimbursement for privately insured patients.

**Medicaid billing and reimbursement – Health and Recovery Services Administration:**

- Rotavirus Vaccine - Complete billing instructions for Rotavirus should be issued within the next 90 days.
- Human Papillomavirus Vaccine - Once the ACIP recommendation is finalized by being published in the MMWR, Medicaid will communicate plans for making this vaccine available to the Medicaid population.
- Clients enrolled in Healthy Options - Once the reimbursement policy is established, these vaccinations will be covered fee for service during 2007. Providers must bill Medicaid directly. Payment for these vaccines will become the responsibility of the health plans in 2008.

**For questions regarding Medicaid reimbursement, please contact:**

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**Future availability through Washington's universal childhood vaccine program:**

To implement rotavirus and HPV vaccines as a part of Washington's universal policy for childhood vaccines, the Department of Health will seek funding from the state legislature. This funding is necessary to support the purchase of vaccine for children who are not eligible for the Federal Vaccines for Children Program. Pending approval of funding, the vaccines may be available through the universal program in the spring of 2007.